

A Quick Guide to the Sorbonne

Tips and Tricks for your Stay in Paris

Housing

- University Housing
 - Cité Universitaire (www.ciup.fr)
 - Deals
 - Studios (Room w/kitchen + Bathroom) are around 550-600€
Room+Bathroom is around 450-500€, Room w/o Bathroom is around 350-450€
 - Credit cards are usually accepted.
 - Each house has laundry facilities. Quality of the machines is good in some houses and between average and below average in others.
 - Apply for housing way in advance.
 - Food Court
 - open 7 days a week (lunch/diner)
 - Prices are VERY low (start at 2.70€ for a 3 courses menu)
 - It is fully closed in August
 - In the Spanish house there is a somewhat upscale self-service restaurant which is a bit more expensive.
 - Stores
 - Three grocery stores are in walking distance next to the Parc Montsouris (approx. 500m),
 - carrying bottles w/ water can be somewhat annoying...
 - The cheapest store with a limited sortiment is Ed in Montrouge (outside the Peripherique).
 - Note that $\frac{3}{4}$ of the bakeries are closed in July and August.
 - Way to MSE
 - The best way to get to the MSE (University) is to walk (30min via Rue Bobillot and Place d'Italie).
 - Public transportation is as follows:
 - Walk to Porte de Gentilly and take Bus 67 (stops almost in front of the MSE). Note that in the afternoon the bus will be almost surely in a traffic jam.
 - Another possibility is to take RER B to Denfert-Rochereau, then Metro 6 to Place d'Italie and then Metro 5 to Campo Formio. Note that **THIS IS NOT FASTER THAN WALKING.**
- Private Housing
 - FUSAC
 - Magazine, when you are here
 - good offers, speak English
 - www.fusac.fr
 - Craigslist
 - less trustworthy
 - www.craigslist.org

Research Groups

- EUREQUA
 - 3rd floor
 - <http://eurequa.univ-paris1.fr/>
 - Working Groups
 - There are so-called working groups on different topics where it is possible to present work in progress. Senior faculty and Ph.D. Students participate.
 - It is a good opportunity to discuss your ideas and find mistakes. Most of the people at EUREQUA know their literature very well.
 - You should receive a key card for the building and offices and a copy card once you arrive. If not ask your “supervisor”. There is no WLAN/Internet available for your laptop computer.
- CERMSEM
 - 5th floor
 - <http://cermsem.univ-paris1.fr/>
 - WLAN is available, but is out-of-service occasionally. Printing and Photocopying is free of charge (you can get a free copy card from Marie-Lou Margaria). The library is air-conditioned (nice in the summer), but fully closed in August.
 - Secretariat: Marie-Lou Margaria / Maria Varela
 - margaria@univ-paris1.fr.
 - Bureau 515
 - PhD Representatives
 - Antoine Mandel, Bernard Kouakou

Presentations/Colloquia

- Information
 - TV in the entrance of MSE with all seminars of the week (not always exhaustive)
 - Go to web pages of research groups and then *Seminaires*
 - Ask secretaries of the research groups to put you on the mailing list
 - see also <http://www.pse.ens.fr/seminaire/semavenir.html>
- Recommendations
 - Seminaire ROY
 - <http://www.adres.polytechnique.fr/SEMINAIRE/roy.htm>
 - always switch to English if sb. non-francophone is there
 - Game Theory: Seminaire Parisien Théorie des Jeux
 - <http://www.ceremade.dauphine.fr/~tomala/semjeux.html>
 - English on request
 - Séminaire Macroéconomie
 - <http://eurequa.univ-paris1.fr/semacro/pdf/macro.htm>
 - joint seminar with PSE Jourdan
 - English on request (if you are lucky)

- PhD Students Colloquia
 - « séminaire des doctorants CES-EUREQua, -TEAM, -ROSES »
 - Fridays
 - Ask Morgane Tanvé
 - « Rencontres du Troisième Cycle »
 - Thursdays
 - Ph.D. seminar where students present their research w/ no professors being present.
 - Nice atmosphere, although topics might be a little heterogeneous.
 - Ask Fabien Lange
 - You can also present there!

French Classes

- various professional schools such as Berlitz, mostly very expensive
- Ville de Paris
 - the Mairie de Paris (city council) offers inexpensive French classes for foreigners
 - seven different levels from beginner to advanced
 - they take place in various primary schools, start in February and September
 - apply early, capacity is limited
 - more infos at <http://www.cours-municipal-d-adultes-cma.cma-paris.org/en/>

Sports

- University Sport
 - Hard to organize!
 - You need to have a students card
 - You need to be there in the first or the second week of the semester (ca. Sept-Oct.)
 - all infos on <http://uefaps.univ-paris1.fr/SPIP/>
- Ville de Paris
 - Stade Charlety
 - next to CitéU
 - Gym, Squash etc.
 - http://www.paris.fr/portail/Sport/Portal.lut?page_id=6600&document_type_id=5&document_id=22352&portlet_id=15005

Public Transportation

- METRO
 - All you need is metro ticket zone 1-2.
 - Best option is a carnet: 10 tickets for 10.90€
 - daily tickets
 - ca. EUR 5.50

- Monthly Tickets
 - ca. EUR 50
 - called “card orange” or “pass Navigo”
- Students Ticket
 - for one year
 - ca. EUR 30/month
 - need some students card (e.g. Studentenausweis Bielefeld and Attestation of Paris1)
- RER
 - faster than metro
 - you can use the metro ticket if you stay in zone 1 or 2
 - Plan enough time for your trip! Traffic is disturbed frequently due to strikes, mechanic problems with the trains or people on the tracks.

Travelling to Paris

- by Train
 - Thalys from Köln (cheapest fare is MezzoPlus; 29.50€one-way)
- by Plane
 - Air Berlin, Lufthansa and Air France from DUS (Dusseldorf)
 - Germanwings from CGN (Cologne/Bonn) to CDG
 - TUIfly.com from HAJ (Hanover) to ORY (Paris-Orly) [Most recommendable!]
 - Note that, if you live at the Cité Universitaire, Orly is much more convenient for you than Charles de Gaulle. Just take the Orlybus which stops at the Porte de Gentilly and runs every 15-20 Minutes (trip is about 20 Minutes). To Charles de Gaulle take RER B (trip is about 50 Minutes). Note: For Terminal 3 you must exit at Charles de Gaulle 1 and walk about 400m.
- by Car
 - Via Aachen (Aix-la-Chapelle), Liège, Valenciennes to Paris (A1). At the Echangeur de Gonesse (near Charles de Gaulle Airport) follow A3 to Paris Porte de Bagnolet. Then, take the Boulevard Peripherique to your final destination.
 - For Cité Universitaire follow the Peripherique Interieur to exit Paris Porte de Gentilly.
 - Parking at the Cité Universitaire is available at SAEMES Stade Charléty. Monthly rates are around 100€ Ask for the student rate (around 60€), sometimes they accept a letter of residence from your house at the Cité Universitaire.

Leisure Time

- Concerts
 - see LYLO
 - small book with agenda of concerts (for two weeks)

- Cinema
 - www.cinemasgaumontpathe.com
 - www.mk2.com